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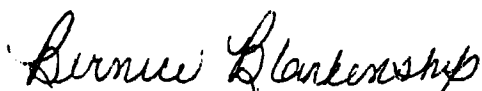
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to voice my opinion in regards to the settlement that was reached with Microsoft on November 2, 2001. I believe this settlement is fair and complete, and I am happy to see this dispute come to an end.

I do not feel that Microsoft got off easy on this settlement. In fact, Microsoft agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, for the sake of wrapping up this suit and being allowed to get back to business as usual.

This settlement will benefit the technology industry, the economy, and consumers. After three long years of litigation, it will be refreshing to see Microsoft's resources and time go to innovation, rather than litigation. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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